

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SJR 470**

May 22, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Proposes to amend Article VI, Section 3 of the Tennessee Constitution to authorize a system of merit-based appointments with retention elections for judges of the appellate courts. The foregoing amendment shall be referred to the 107<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$20,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution.
- Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution, requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election. This publication would occur in the spring of 2010.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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